(b) whether it is a fact that at least 280 samples failed that test; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to fix responsibility in the matter and address the situation to save the Capital from Cholera and water borne diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Delhi Jal Board (DJB) have informed that 36 sample were lifted by DJB from Hindu Rao Hospital, Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital, I.D. Hospital Kingsway Camp, Swaroop Nagar Hospital, Swaroop Nagar, Paramanand Hospital Civil Lines, Tirathram Hospital, Maya Muni Ram Jain Hospital Pitampura, All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Dispensary Mangla Puri in the month of March 2005. Out of them 12 water samples were lifted in the last week of March, 2005 and quality of all the samples was found fit.

(b) and (c) The Delhi Jal Board have also informed that they have lifted 9825 water samples from public places, individual houses, public stand posts, complainant houses etc. all over Delhi in the month of March-2005. Out of them 276 water samples were found unfit for human consumption. These were due to leakages in individual service connections, use of online boosters during non-supply hours, surcharging of sever etc. The same were attended to on priority. DJB have informed that such local contaminations are a possibility, considering the total pipe network of more than 9000 Km. and there is no individual responsible for the above. Further, as informed, there had been no epidemical problems like cholera etc. in Delhi due to the water supplied by DJB.

Corruption in water-shed programmes

2952. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that enormous amounts of money have gone into and water-shed programmes in various States; and

(b) whether in view of allegations of corruption and embezzlements

in the process, Government propose to consider to streamline the operations of projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development is dealing with three Area Development Programmes namely Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), drought prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP) for development of wastelands, drought proofing and checking desertification on watershed basis respectively in the country. While DPAP and DDP are implemented in blocks identified by the Hanumantha Rao Committee in semi-arid/sub-humid and arid zones respectively, IWDP is implemented in the remaining blocks of the country. From 1.4.1995 till 31.3.2005, 61.96 lakh hectares of area has been taken up for treatment under IWDP at a total cost of Rs. 3351.97 crore, out of which Rs. 1310.43 crore has been released, under DPAP, 106,765 lakh hectares of area has been taken up at a total cost of Rs. 5569.20 crore and Rs. 1742.15 crore has been released. Under DDP, 57.38 lakh hectares of area has been taken up at a total cost of Rs. 3074.40 crore and Rs. 1300.82 crore has been released.

(b) Funds under these programmes are released to Zilla Parishads (ZPs)/District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) for implementation through Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs)/Government line departments under the guidelines for Hariyali. Performance of Non Governmental Organisations as Project Implementing Agencies (PIAs) in implementation of these projects had been mixed earlier. As a result, the projects are scrutinised and social audit is conducted at the grass-root level by the Gram Sabha/Watershed Associations. The Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development is also regularly monitoring the schemes/programmes through Areas Officers, independent evaluators and the National Lebel Monitors. Further, district Level Vigilance & Monitoring Committees have been set up under the Chairmanship of local Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) to effectvely monitor the implementation of the schemes and programmes of the Ministry of Rural Development and also ensure that funds are properly utilized.